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of cattle tried at the instance of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at the Hosur Cattle Farm for the last so many years over that of the Kangayam breed at Pattagar's Farm?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" No scheme for the improvement of Kangayam breed of cattle was conducted at the Livestock Research Station, Hosur, at the instance of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, how could there be an improvement in the breed of the cattle? If there is any improvement it will become hybrid."

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" No, Sir. There is improvement in grade."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Next question. Mr. Aranganathan."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I request you to take up this question to-morrow."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it will not be necessary in view of the answer I am going to give. It need not be taken up to-morrow because the answer is :

'The particulars are not yet available. They are being compiled.'"

The question was put.

Statistics about the students belonging to backward classes.

* 418 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total number of pupils and students of the backward classes (Hindus) reading in all the schools and colleges including technical and professional during 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The particulars are not yet available. They are being compiled."

Outbreak of cholera in certain areas in the Chingleput district.

* 419 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases of cholera that were reported from Ponvilaintha Kalathur, Perumal Eri, Kuppam of Tirukalikundrum in Chingleput district during the months of October and November 1953;

(*b*) how many were cured;

(*c*) how many of them died; and

(*d*) the steps taken by the authorities to prevent the spread of the epidemic in those areas?